



## George David Kannapel

August 21, 1933 - November 30, 2023

George David Kannapel age 90 of Delaware, OH departed this world on November 30, 2023 to be with his beloved wife Louise who pre-deceased him in October 2016. George was born on August 21, 1933 in Palmerton, PA. George was an excellent high school student and athlete, elected high school class President, and lettered in three sports. He was selected to be a Congressional Page in 1950, attended Penn State University for one year before receiving his appointment to West Point in 1952, graduating with the class of 1956 and serving as an officer in the Army until honorably discharged. Along with starting a family with Louise, George then turned his attention to building a career in the private sector, utilizing his engineering training to ultimately build a successful career in the aerospace industry after moving to Columbus, OH. He was proud of his career efforts being acknowledged for his contributions to helping build America's space program with a memorial brick in his name at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. In the early years of the space program, George spent many days traveling to various NASA and aerospace contractor facilities while Louise held down the fort in Columbus with their three young children. He loved traveling for work and with family, and devoted much of his free time to coaching youth sports. George was a great story teller, and never shied away from embellishing a few to add a little extra color to the tale. He was a rabid Ohio State fan, and loved rooting on good old Army, especially in the annual Army-Navy game.

In addition to his wife Louise Amanda Kannapel (Braucher), George was predeceased by his parents George Charles Kannapel and Sally Fritch Kannapel, of Palmerton, PA. He is survived by his three children, Keith Kannapel (Susan), of Onancock, VA; Lori Mooney (Michael), of Dublin, OH; and Gwynn Pletsch (Steve), of Minnetonka, MN; grandchildren David Kannapel (Rachel), Michael Kannapel (Mandy), Spenser Mooney, Colin Mooney and Austin Mooney, Alexander Pletsch (Sarah), Nicholas Pletsch (Megan), and Corey Pletsch (Makenna); great grandchildren Chase Kannapel and Cole Kannapel; brother Walter Kannapel (Sylvia), and nephew Vance Kannapel (Maureen).

Celebration of Life reception Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church, 6770 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085 followed by funeral service at 12:00 p.m. (noon). In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: Willowbrook Christian Village, 100 Willowbrook Way, Delaware, Ohio 43015 or Honor Flight Columbus: <https://www.honorflightcmh.org/>

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Lutheran Church Columbarium

6770 North High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Lutheran Church  
6770 North High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085

## Funeral Service

DEC 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of George David Kannapel* ”



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**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - December 15, 2023 at 04:27 PM

TM

“ We are so sorry to hear of George’s passing!

*It was about one year ago at our own Father's funeral service that we last saw George. His presence and youthful curiosity helped us remember the great times we had with my Dad, helping to reduce our own sadness.*

*Our family friendship began with the Kannapels' through Youth Sports programs. George & Keith were on Rival Teams where they had earned our respect as intense competitors.*

*It was not until junior high and then high school that we were on the same Teams. George was the biggest fan of all of us and was a rabid spectator as well.*

*But what I remember best was his fireside chats after a game that would dissect both good and bad to help all of us do better, the next time out!*

*Our thoughts & prayers are with you all!*

*Tim, Karen & Steve Mills*

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**Tim Mills** - December 14, 2023 at 01:39 PM

JA

“ Vickie and I were so sorry to hear of George's passing. Please accept our sympathies. We have so many good memories of our time we spent as neighbors when our families built new homes near each other in Eagan, Minnesota around 1979. It was a pleasure knowing George and Louise over the years. Good people leave great memories and we will always cherish those. He will be missed. Again, you have our sympathy. Jim and Vickie Aversman

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**Jim Aversman** - December 13, 2023 at 11:56 AM

PB

“ My sincere condolences and blessings to your family. I so much enjoyed the visits I had with George over the past year as one of his Eucharistic ministers from All Saints Lutheran Church, and I had a wonderful visit with him a week before he passed. George shared so many fascinating stories, was always pleasant, spoke so highly of his family, and was truly a man of faith. I know George is at peace.

Sincerely,  
Patty Bradley

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**Patty Bradley** - December 13, 2023 at 09:27 AM

MM

“ Much Love, Tim, Karen & Steve Mills planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George David Kannapel.

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**Much Love, Tim, Karen & Steve Mills** - December 12, 2023 at 10:08 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of George David Kannapel.



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George David Kannapel.*



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December 11, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George David Kannapel.*



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December 10, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ *My boy-hood pal. We grew up together. He in the end house and I two doors up. In our youth we played and got in trouble more than once. On the roofs of the garages and trees that were, at that time, across the street. Cops and robbers, cowboys an indians in the vacant lot next to our row house (not vacant anymore). He hit my head with a toy axe in on of the games and drew blood. What fun we had together. And then as we got older and had different ideas of life we drifted apart. My deepest sympathy to all. My prayers are with you.*

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**Ed Naratl** - December 09, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ *Kathy M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George David Kannapel.*

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**Kathy M.** - December 09, 2023 at 11:42 AM

CM

“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of George David Kannapel, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Army Veteran, George David Kannapel, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl J Skinner Tri-State Military Muse** - December 09, 2023 at 07:19 AM

MT

“ *Marla Thompson lit a candle in memory of  
George David Kannapel*



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**Marla Thompson** - December 08, 2023 at 10:35 AM

CJ

“ *Carol Jenkins lit a candle in memory of  
George David Kannapel*



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**Carol Jenkins** - December 08, 2023 at 10:32 AM